Goals

• To provide up to 50 Scholarships to Master’s and Doctoral students for normal tenure of these degrees.
• To enhance market readiness in students as they enter various careers.
• This is not a new degree program, but rather an enhanced Scholarship program.

• Consequently, the students academic program is dictated by the student’s home Department.
Program Members

• Coordinator:
  • *Steven Leeson, Animal & Poultry Science

• Advisory Committee:
  • *Rich Moccia, Associate Vice President Research
  • *Cate Dewey, Chair, Population Medicine
  • *Al Sullivan, Plant Agriculture
  • *Duff MacKinnon, OMAFRA
  • Oswald Zachariah, OMAFRA
  • Athony Clarke, Dean, Graduate Studies
Requirements for Scholarship

• Align with OMAFRA themes
• UNIV*6050
• Job shadowing / work semester
• New degree program
Stipends

• Master’s - $17,300 /year
• Doctoral - $21,000 /year
• Faculty to also provide additional $2,000 /year (Master’s) or $5,000 /year (Doctoral)

• Maximum tenure is 9, 6 and 4 semesters for PhD/DVSc, Master’s theses and coursework degrees respectively.
Program Application

• Web-based application process (new for Fall 2012 applications)
• Joint application by student and faculty
• Review criteria include CV/transcript of student, relevance to OMAFRA themes, research funding and job shadowing proposal.
Job Shadowing / Work Semester

- Intent to ‘expose’ students to corporate/government/industry organization activity
- For thesis degrees, expectation of ‘relevant’ activity.
Job Shadowing / Work Semester

• OMAFRA Involvement
  • Member of research or focus group
  • Involvement in policy development
  • Rural strategies and initiatives
• Could be entire semester within OMAFRA framework and location, or partial activity with some work at the University of Guelph or other location directed by OMAFRA supervisor
• Summer semester most attractive to students
UNIV*6050

• 2 semester course, Fall & Winter each year
• 1.0 credit – part of, or additional to, normal course load (decision of advisory committee)
Applicants

• Hopefully representing the diverse nature of the University of Guelph (currently across 15 Departments)
• Prior funding of faculty by OMAFRA not a consideration